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1. VICENTE BERMEJO, CHIEF OF BIOLOGICAL ADVISORY DEPARTMENT IN COMMERCE MINISTRY'S FISHING DIRECTORATE, TOLD EMBOFF INFORMALLY THAT REPORTS FROM SPANISH FV'S INDICATED TOTAL SPANISH CATCH IN ICNAF AREAS 5 & 6 OF 15,900 METRIC TONS FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1 TO AUGUST 15, 1974. HE NOTED THAT THESE FIGURES WERE LOWER THAN SPAIN'S ICNAF QUOTA FOR THIS YEAR OF 17,200. HE ESTIMATED THAT PERHAPS 2 OR 3 FV'S REMAINED IN THESE ZONES.

2. BREAKDOWN OF TOTAL WAS PROVIDED AS FOLLOWS: (ALL IN METRIC TONS OF FISH CAUGHT IN REF PERIOD.) SQUID  
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9,200; COD 5,500; HADDOCK 600; AND POLLOCK 600.

3. CONCERNING SQUID, BERMEJO INSISTED THAT ONLY THE VARIETY OF SQUID KNOWN IN SPANISH AS CALAMAR (LOLIGO SP.) IS COVERED BY ICNAF QUOTAS AND THAT ANOTHER CATCH OF 6,300 TONS OF A SIMILAR VARIETY OF FISH KNOWN AS POTA IN SPANISH (OMNESTREPHES SAGITTATUS) IS NOT COVERED BY ICNAF RULES. IN REPLY TO EMBOFF QUESTION HE AGREED THAT OFFICIAL SPANISH FISHING REGULATIONS (MINISTRY OF COMMERCE ORDER OF DEC 17,1973, PRINTED IN BOLETIN OFICIAL DEL ESTADO, DEC 24,1973, PP. 24937-38) DO LIMIT CATCH OF CALAMAR AND POTA TO 13,000 TONS TOTAL CATCH OF BOTH SPECIES. HOWEVER, HE CONTENDED THAT THIS INTERNAL SPANISH REGULATION WAS DELIBERATELY MADE STRICTER THAN THE ICNAF CRITERIA AND THAT THE NON-COVERAGE OF POTA UNDER LIMITATIONS ON SQUID HAD BEEN CLEARLY AGREED ON WHEN 1974 QUOTAS WERE SET.

4. BERMEJO STATED THAT HIS REPORTS ON HADDOCK AND POLLOCK COVERED ICNAF AREA 4 & 5, WITH NO BREAKDOWN AVAILABLE BY AREA. TOTAL HE GAVE WAS 1200 FOR BOTH SPECIES, BASED ON HIS ESTIMATE THAT HALF THE CATCH HAD COME FROM EACH AREA. HE ADDED THAT NEITHER HADDOCK NOR POLLOCK ARE FISHED IN AREA 6.

5. COMMENT: THESE ARE ENTIRELY UNOFFICIAL AND ORAL FIGURES. EMBASSY CANNOT ACT ON THEM UNTIL THEY ARE TRANSMITTED IN WRITING OFFICIALLY, WHICH BERMEJO SAID HE THOUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD DO SHORTLY. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT WHEN THESE FIGURES OFFICIALLY TRANSMITTED IT SHOULD NOTE THAT AT RATE OF CATCH GIVEN BY GOS, I.E., 15,900 TONS IN 7 1/2 MONTHS), QUOTA WOULD BE REAHED ABOUT SEPT 3. IT WOULD THEN SUGGEST THAT AN ORDER FOR ALL SPANISH FV'S TO LEAVE ICNAF AREAS 5 & 6 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IN VIEW FACT QUOTA SOON TO BE REACHED EVEN BY SPANISH FIGURES.  
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